



City of Seattle
Seattle Fire Department

March 19, 2015

Dear Seattle Fire Department Customer,

Seattle Fire Department (SFD) records indicate that one or more of your employees holds an SFD-issued STP-1 certificate to perform work on standpipe systems within the city of Seattle. We are writing to inform you of a change to the program that is effective as of March 19, 2015.

STP (Standpipe Certificate) No Longer Includes Installation

Washington State Law requires all people who install sprinkler pipes, including standpipes, to hold a current Washington State-issued Certification of Competency to work on sprinkler systems. To help ensure that SFD's certification program is consistent with this law, effective March 19, existing SFD-issued STP-1 certificates no longer include installation of standpipes. The STP-1 certificate continues to provide conditional permission to inspect, test and maintain standpipes.

If your employee(s) who hold STP-1 certificates do not have a current Seattle sprinkler certification for work on large residential buildings or for work in all building types, they will need to obtain Seattle sprinkler certification in order to continue installing standpipes in Seattle.

Converting Standpipe Certification to Sprinkler Certification at No Charge to the Customer

As a convenience for our customers, SFD will allow employees with a current STP-1 certification to take the AS-2(S) or AS-3(S) sprinkler certification examination at no charge. If they successfully pass the test, SFD will convert their existing STP-1 certification to a sprinkler certification.

The new sprinkler certification card will be issued with the same expiration date as the STP-1 certification card that is being replaced. There will be no charge to the customer to convert from the STP certification to the sprinkler certification if the conversion occurs within 12 months of the effective date of this change, which is March 19, 2015.

To schedule an exam to convert an STP certification to an AS-2(S) or an AS-3(S) certification, please call Sherry Madison at (206) 386-1444.

Reminder – In 2015, SFD Sprinkler Certifications Have Been Realigned with State Certifications

SFD's sprinkler certification categories have been revised to create a clearer correspondence between Seattle and state of Washington certifications. We anticipate this alignment with the state program will help simplify the process for customers pursuing sprinkler certification in Seattle. The table on the following page summarizes the 2014 and 2015 types of SFD sprinkler certifications for your reference:

2014 Certification Title		2015 Certification Title	
AS-1	Installation, service and maintenance of automatic sprinkler systems in any type of building.	AS-3(S)	Install, inspect, test & maintain automatic sprinkler systems and standpipes, State Level III (all buildings and Journey Level Sprinkler Fitters).
	N/A	AS-2(S)	Install, inspect, test, & maintain automatic sprinkler systems and standpipes, State Level II (Group R – resid'l bldgs up to 4 stories & Resid'l Sprinkler Fitters).
AS-3	Installation only of automatic sprinkler systems in any building.	AS-ITT(S)	Inspect, test, & maintain water based fire protection systems, State Level Inspection Testing Technician Design Certification.
AS-CT	Confidence Testing of automatic sprinkler systems.	See AS-ITT(S).	
STP-1	Install, service, maintain Class I, II, III standpipes in any occupancy.	STP-ITM	Inspect, test & maintain standpipe systems. <i>Note: installation of standpipes requires an AS-2(S) or an AS-3(S) certification as of 2015 for compliance with State law.</i>

Standpipe technicians who already also hold an SFD certification for sprinkler work do not need to take any action at this time; however, moving forward, they may wish to determine whether both certifications are needed or if just the sprinkler certification is sufficient for their needs.

Further Information

If you or your employee(s) have questions, please review the SFD Certification Administrative Rule 9.01 (<http://www.seattle.gov/fire/FMO/firecode/adrules/AdRule09.01.15.pdf>), the SFD certification website (www.seattle.gov/fire/FMO/certification/certification.htm), or contact the Certification Officer, Lieutenant Reginald Ball at (206) 386-1351.

The Seattle Fire Code requires that all persons who engage in the installation, testing, maintenance, or service of fire and life safety systems possess a current Fire and Life Safety Certificate issued by the Seattle Fire Department.

We look forward to continuing our work together helping to promote fire and life safety for all who live, work, and visit in Seattle.

Sincerely,

Reginald T. Ball
Certification Lieutenant